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Boston, March 31, 1860,

Dear Mr. Carter;

I have delayed a reply to your note of the 10th inst., thinking I might get some further light or explanations, as to its subject-matter, and so be able to write more to the point. But I have not seen Miss H., nor Miss P. - who are still in Nov^{rs}, North - and know only, by a line from Miss H., that no notice of her lecture was given from the pulpit in Athol.

I was ~~greatly~~ troubled by your note, for I do not remember ^{receiving} ~~ever having~~ a similar one ~~anything of the kind~~, since I have been connected with the Society. I saw you were much offended, and

I could not imagine what Miss Hester
had said, or done, to give you
such cause of offence. Whatever
it were, I was sure you could not
justly hold me, nor the Managers
of the Mapth Antislavery Socy.,
answerable for it; and I could not
therefore, ^{and cannot now,} tell how to construe your
last paragraph - where you say
you "have no idea of being made
the Slave or the Tool of the
Managers of our Association." -

But I would, even at this distance
of time, (and perhaps all the better
on that account, as enabling you

to look more composedly ~~at~~ the whole
~~subject,~~ ^{matter,}) ask you, if you have ever
seen anything, on the part of the
Managers of the Massachusetts
Anti-Slavery Society, which led
you to think ^{that they wished, or thought} ~~they wanted~~ to make
^{or any other person,} you, their "Slave", or their "Tool",
or which could justify you in
throwing out such an imputation
^{against} ~~against~~ them? ~~I am quite sure~~
~~what your answer must be. I~~
~~know you have no cause for throwing~~
~~out any such charge, and I am~~
~~persuaded you know it too. But,~~
If any of ^{the Society's} ~~our~~ Agents has

conducted himself, or herself,
unseemly, - and surely Misses
Polley and Putnam are the last
against whom we should suppose
such a charge would be brought.

you had only to lay the facts before
the Managers ^{of the Society} - as I should have
thought that a friendly regard for the
Society would have led you to do, -
to find, if you had any doubt on
the point, that they would uphold
nothing "unjust", nothing "discourteous"
on the part of any Agent,

Hoping that the difficulty, whatever
it were, may be entirely & satisfactorily
removed, I remain, Very truly

Yours friend Saml May Jr
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